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Dear Mr. DeGuzman:

The Council on Accreditation of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC International) has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, California. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining a satisfactory program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the strong administrative support, exemplified by the newly commissioned Building 86; the collegial atmosphere at all levels of the program; the considerable experience and expertise of the Animal Welfare and Research Committee (AWRC) members; the precautionary measures for the review of extramural animal use activities and the thorough review of funded grants relative to approved protocols; as well as the excellent husbandry, sanitation, and facility maintenance in Building 86. The Council is pleased to inform you that the program conforms with AAALAC International standards as set forth by the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, NRC 1996. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** shall continue.

Council acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from Dr. Joe W. Gray, Dr. John Bartley, and you dated March 31, 2010 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items included: formally appointing Dr. Gray as the Institutional Official; providing the 2008 and 2009 Annual Reports and Program Description materials regarding the zebrafish colony; enhancing semiannual facility inspection documentation; finalizing a policy on reporting animal welfare concerns; refurbishing unsealed surfaces in the surgery area; commissioning the eyewash station in Building 55A and placing it on a periodic assessment program; planning to reassess the use of micro-clippers for shaving hair in rodent survival surgery procedures; and expanding the occupational health program to include all applicable in-house personnel at risk, as well as planning to develop guidance measures to cover at-risk nonaffiliated members of the AWRC.

Council has no further recommendations to offer for improvement of the animal care and use program at this time. We look forward to following your program activities and wish you continued success.

AAALAC International requires an Annual Report detailing changes made during the year in accredited units. In the interim, AAALAC International expects to be apprised in a timely manner of significant programmatic changes or concerns should they occur. Please note that, at your request, AAALAC International will provide your institution with a separate letter simply verifying that your animal care and use program is accredited. Should you also wish to distribute an electronic copy of this letter to program staff, a Portable Document Format (pdf) version will be sent upon request.

Sincerely,



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